

HOUSE No. 352

Bill accompanying the petition of Edward Carr and others that the harassing of female judgment debtors be prohibited. Joint Judiciary. January 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

To prevent Harassing of Female Poor Debtors by citing Them for Examination into Courts a Long Distance from Their Homes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and nineteen of the
2 acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the words "the county", in the
4 second line of section two, and inserting instead thereof
5 the following words:—"the jurisdiction of a police,
6 district, or municipal court or with a trial justice",—so
7 that said section two will read as follows:—The petition
8 for a citation against a female judgment debtor shall be
9 made in the jurisdiction of a police, district, or municipal
10 court or with a trial justice in which the debtor resides

11 or has her usual place of business. The clerk or magis-
12 trate issuing such citation shall allow her not less than
13 three days before the time fixed for the examination and
14 at the rate of one hour additional for each mile of travel.

1 SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect thirty days after
2 its passage.



